



## County Administrative Office Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee 3  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Adult Protective Services: \$5 million for Training and Program Support**

Dear Chairwoman Mitchell:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your consideration and support of a budget item to increase statewide capacity in the Adult Protective Services (APS) program to protect and serve vulnerable seniors and dependent adults. Specifically, we request your consideration to provide a \$5 million budget increase to the APS program for a statewide training system.

The APS program is designed to protect and serve elders and dependent adults who are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation. County agencies provide 24/7 response to reports of abuse and neglect of elders and dependent adults. Since 2012, the number of APS referrals received in the County of San Bernardino has consistently been above 10,000 per year with an 11 percent increase from 2014 to 2015. As well, our county received more than 23,000 APS calls last year and managed over 9,000 cases.

A strong state-county partnership in the APS program is vital to meet legislative mandates, promote coordination, quality assurance, and best practices in APS. Moreover, collaboration is crucial to address the increased needs of a growing population of elders and dependent adults. California's over age 65 population is projected to grow significantly, increasing from 4.3 million in 2010 to 6.3 million by 2020 and will double to 8.6 million by 2030. The oldest demographic, those 85 and older, will grow by over 71 percent between 2010 and 2030. A well-trained workforce is pivotal to timely and appropriate response to reports of elder and dependent adult abuse.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino urges your support for \$5 million to build a strong training infrastructure and to solidify state leadership in promoting an effective and responsive APS system. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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